

I am writing to urge you to reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160.

I have been a satellite radio subscriber for 4 months. It is a service I am willing to pay for because the variety offered by XM Satellite radio is superior to what few local stations here provide. This is not unlike the fee I pay monthly for cable television.

I live in a rural area that has few local radio stations. When the fires were burning in San Diego last year, I had to drive 120 miles to pick up my son. For the first 60 of those miles, I had no information on the location of those fires, road closures, etc. It was a frightening drive. With the offering of traffic and weather conditions on satellite radio, I am now assured that if another emergency arose, I would have better information than I did then.